

CHAPTER 57**(HB 278)**

AN ACT relating to nurse education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 164.298 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The governing board ***as defined in KRS 164.001*** of each eligible postsecondary education institution ***and college as defined in KRS 164.945*** shall collaborate with the Kentucky Board of Nursing to ensure that each university offering an advanced practice doctoral degree in nursing complies with the accreditation standards of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and with minimal education and licensure standards for admission to and graduation from an advanced practice doctoral program in nursing.
- (2) Each university offering an advanced nursing practice doctoral program shall refer to the degree as the "doctor of nursing practice," with the degree being abbreviated as "DNP." Any advertisement about the advanced nursing practice doctoral program shall not refer to graduates using the term "doctor." Graduates of the program shall accurately portray their academic credentials as well as their registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse credentials, if applicable, subject to sanction under KRS 311.375(4).

Signed by Governor March 16, 2011.